

HA-1328

Between 1885 & 1904

Gibson House
128 Alice Anne Street
Bel Air
Public

This deteriorated double house is simple workingman's housing. It is soon to be demolished by the Town for a low to moderate income housing project.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1328
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mrs. Lucy Gibson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

128 Alice Anne Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

21014

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

X BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

X NO

MILITARY

OTHER: duplex

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Lucy Gibson

Telephone #: 838-6257

STREET & NUMBER

128 Alice Anne Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 785

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED
☒ poor

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED part of
back porch enclosed

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small rectangular, 2 story house has a gable roof with one interior chimney in the north end. Both the roof and sides are covered with asphalt shingles. A porch with a tin shed roof, square posts and balustrade with plain square balusters, shades the first floor in front. The building looks like a duplex, but the interior is not divided that way. (see floor plan) The roomer has a sitting room with private entrance on the front, a kitchen, and a bath, all of which open into Mrs. Gibson's hall. The first floor windows are one over one, double hung. The 4 second floor windows, front and back, are double hung, six over six, while the 4 side windows are smaller, casement windows about half the length of the first floor ones. The rear elevation has a long furnace room with a shed roof flanked by side porches, one for 126 and one for 128. Mrs. Gibson has enclosed the south half of her porch.

The interior has, on the first floor, two sitting rooms of approximately equal size. Behind the sitting room in 128 is a kitchen of approximately the same size. Then a full bath and the enclosed porch. Behind the sitting room in 126 is a long kitchen (7'4" X 10'2") and the hall to 128, running parallel the long way. In the hall is an enclosed stair, with door and a cupboard under the stair (3' X 6'2") along the south wall. The full bath for 126 is at the end of the hall.

On the second floor are 4 bedrooms, the small central hall, and a new half-bath.

The rear of the lot has a 4' X 4' aluminum storage shed and an approximately 8' X 12' free standing car port.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES between 1885 & 1894 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joseph M. Streett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This plain rectangular house is a good example of the kind of working-man's housing built in the black section of Bel Air around the turn of the century. It was built by Joseph M. Streett around 1890 on parts of lots 55 and 59 of Richardson's Addition. The house is a duplex and had no plumbing or running water until the Gibson's bought the house in 1943 (HCLR 276/282). William Gibson died c.1967. There has always been a roomer in the east side of the house. Mrs. Gibson also rents three of the four upstairs bedrooms.

Joseph M. Streett (1838-1921) was the editor of the Harford Democrat (1871-1919), a member of the bar, having read law with Otho Scott in Bel Air, and a graduate of Princeton (1858). He served two terms as a member of the Maryland General Assembly. He was a democrat. He was a member of a prominent Harford County family; his grandfather, Col. John Streett, commanded a regiment of Harford cavalry in the defense of Baltimore (1814). Mr. Streett built three structures on Alice Anne Street about 1890, 128 and 132, both duplexes, and 134 - 138, "The Incubator," a barn-like structure with six miniscule apartments (it has three, today). He left these properties to his daughter, Elizabeth Jacobs, wife of Frank Jacobs, owner of Bel Air's most famous (and possibly oldest) home - Hays House (will JA16/328, 1921). Mrs. Jacobs left them to her sons Joseph S. Jacobs and Frank Hays Jacobs, Jr. (will ACJ20/262, 1939).

Frank Hays Jacobs (d.1954) was a graduate of Harvard Law School and a member of the law firm of Jacobs and Cameron. He served as an officer in both world wars. He lived in Hays House after the death of his parents.

Joseph S. Jacobs (1893 - 1968) was the founder of Operators' Coal Company in Baltimore. His son, Bradford McE. Jacobs, was editor of the Baltimore Evening Sun.

The property was rented until the Gibsons bought it in 1943. At that time the roomer was paying \$10.00 a month for a sitting room and kitchen.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Joseph M. Streett," Portrait and Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties in Maryland. (New York, 1897), pp. 205-206.

obituary, Frank Hays Jacobs, Baltimore Sun, 15 February 1954.

obituary, Joseph S. Jacobs, Baltimore Sun, 25 November 1968.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel 533 in the Town of Bel Air and is approximately 56' (Alice Anne) X 202'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew4 August 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air301-838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air, Maryland21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

128 Alice AnneTheresa Lucy Gibson

- 785/1 Annie Louise Taylor and Cecelia Alice Jackson to Theresa Louise Gibson
30 July 1968
s.e. corner of lot 55 in Richardson's Addition (132/500)
- 736/115 Theresa Lucy Gibson to Annie Louise Taylor and Cecelia Alice Jackson 9 March 1967
- 276/282 Joseph S. Jacobs and Sally McE. (wife), and Frank H. Jacobs, Jr. to Wm. Gibson and Theresa Louise (wife) 16 March 1943 in fee subject to right of Dora Scott tenant 126 Alice Anne until 1 October 1943 at \$10 per month the property belonged to Elizabeth S. Jacobs who left it by will (ACJ 20/262 14 January 1939) to Joseph S. and Frank H. Jacobs, Jr. it was left to her by Joseph M. Streett by will (JA 16/328 - 21 January 1921)
- 125/251 Rebecca B. Wilson to Joseph M. Streett lots 55 and 59, Richardson's Addition 16 Nov. 1908 for \$700
- 81/205 Alice A. Richardson executor of E. Hall and in own right and David J. Wilson to Rebecca B. Wilson for \$700 to estate and \$1 to Alice and David lots 55 & 59 in Richardson's addition 28 June 1894

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1328

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: owner lives in 1 side,
ORIGINAL USE: rental prop. rents other
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
Joseph M. Streett

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good () particularly
Fair () Poor: (x) inter. up-

THEME: Architecture stair
STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:
between 1885 & 1894

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 126 - 128 Alice Anne
Bel Air

COMMON NAME: Gibson House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private Residence

OWNER: Lucy T. Gibson
ADDRESS: 128 Alice Anne
Bel Air, Maryland

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No (x) Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone(x) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (x)
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle (x)
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (x) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds (x) Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 4 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: 28 x 35

+ 7'6" porch

Entrance Location: Alice Anne

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other: possible town
acquisition

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Upstairs 4 bedrooms and $\frac{1}{2}$ bath - 3 bedrooms rented.
 Mrs. Gibson has enclosed part of her side back porch.
 Interior plastered. Staircase enclosed with door.
 6 rooms and hall, 2 bedrooms downstairs, one=furnace and utility room,
 hardwood floors
 linolium in kitchen and bath.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

4 X 4 aluminum storage shed
 carport free standing

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

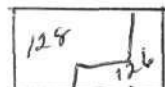
Example of speculative housing built around the turn of the century for rent to blacks. No plumbing. Water had to be carried from two houses away. When the town put in the sewer, the owner closed the house rather than put in plumbing. The present owner, the Gibsons, put in the plumbing, c. 1940. Mrs. Gibson, now a widow, rents 2 rooms downstairs to one lady and three rooms upstairs.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



(132)



(124)

ALICE ANNE

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up(x)
 Residential() Commercial()
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

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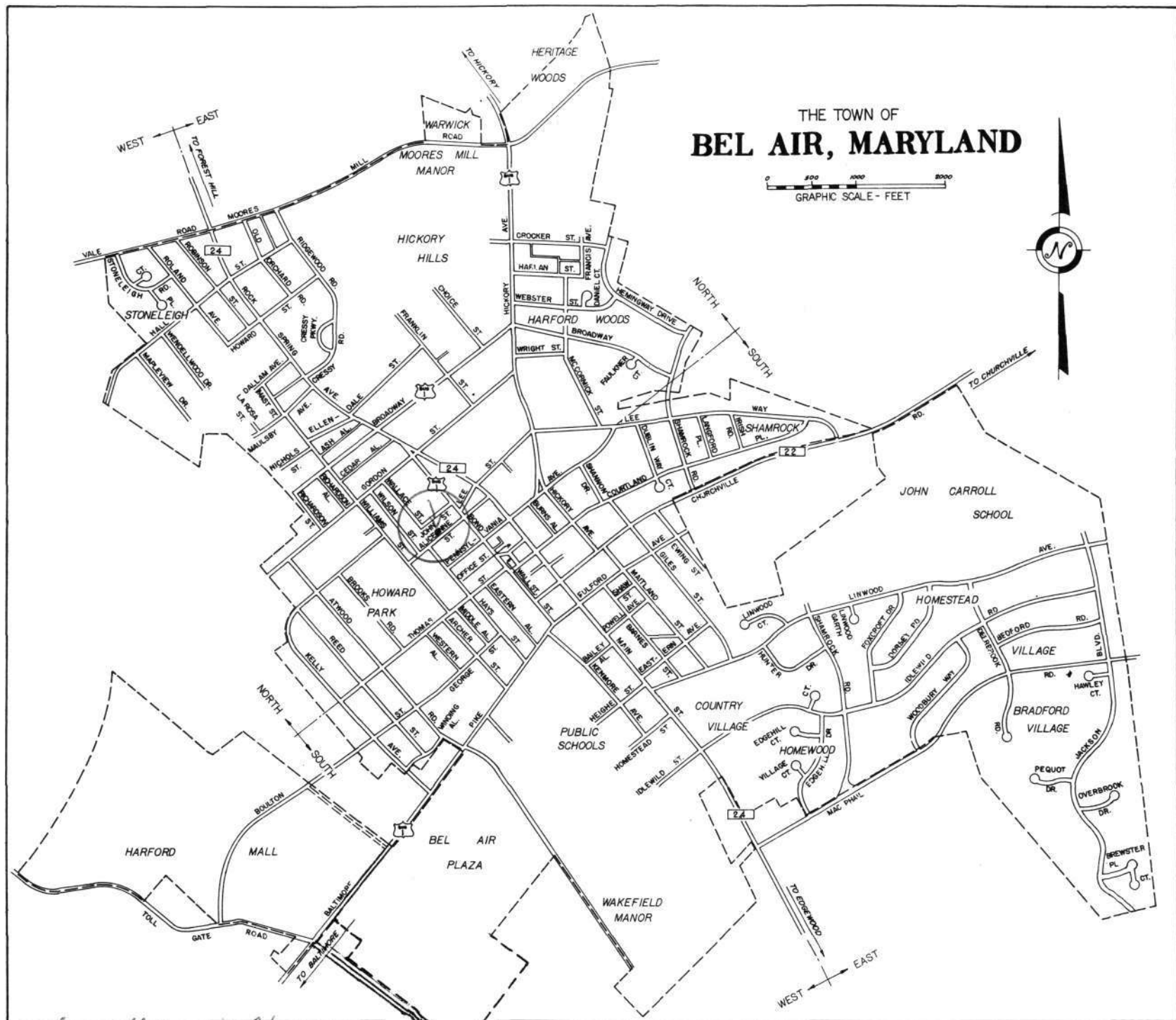
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ORGANIZATION:

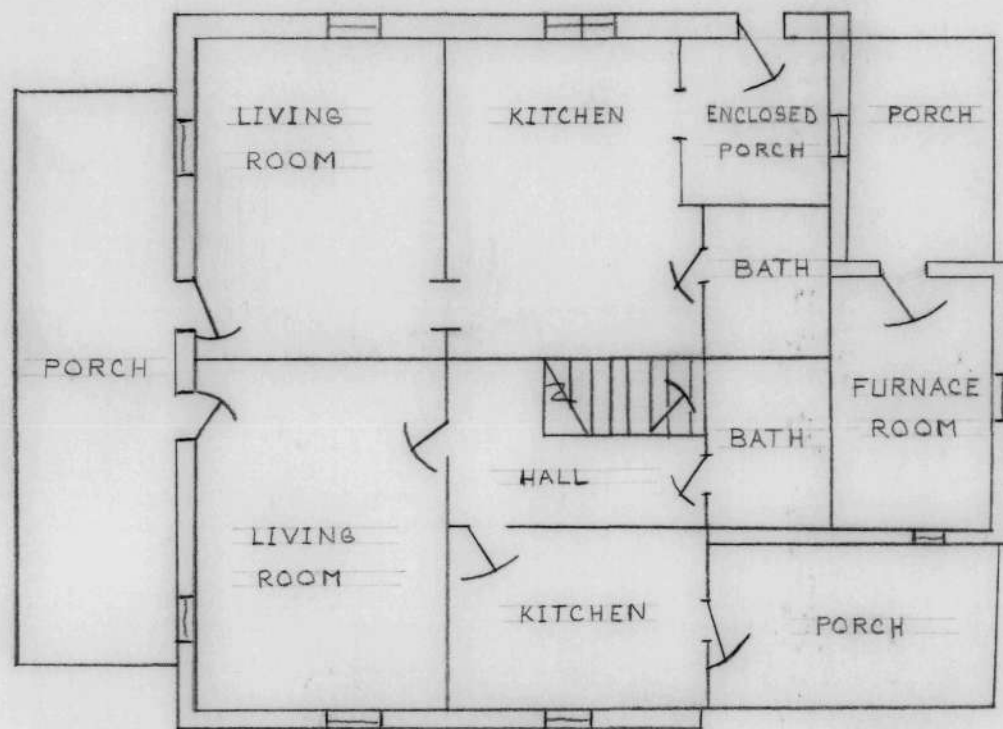
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DATE RECORDED:



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Lucy Gibson's House
128 Alice Anne



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 TRACED BY: G. CUNO

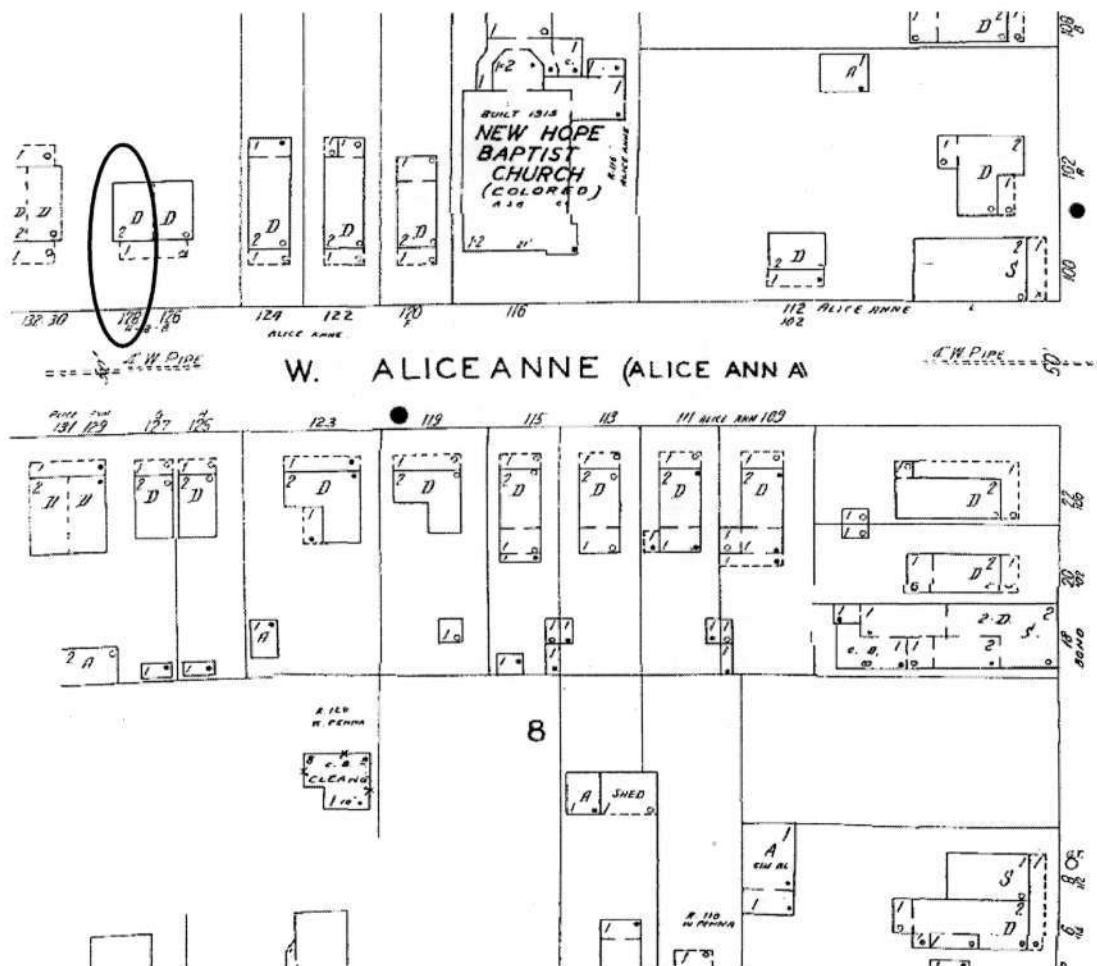
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 126-128 ALICE ANN STREET
 BEL AIR, MARYLAND

HA-1328

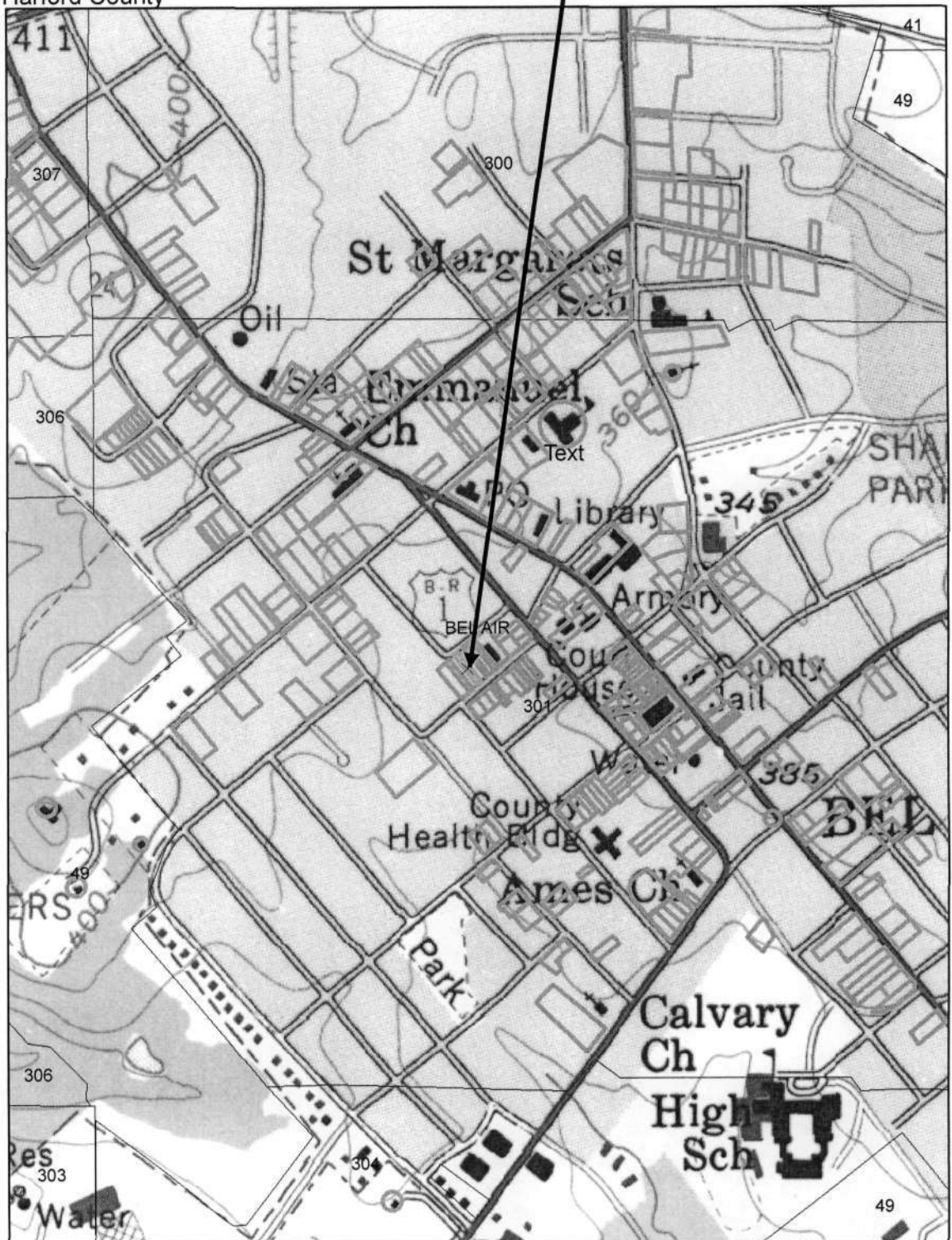
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Harford County



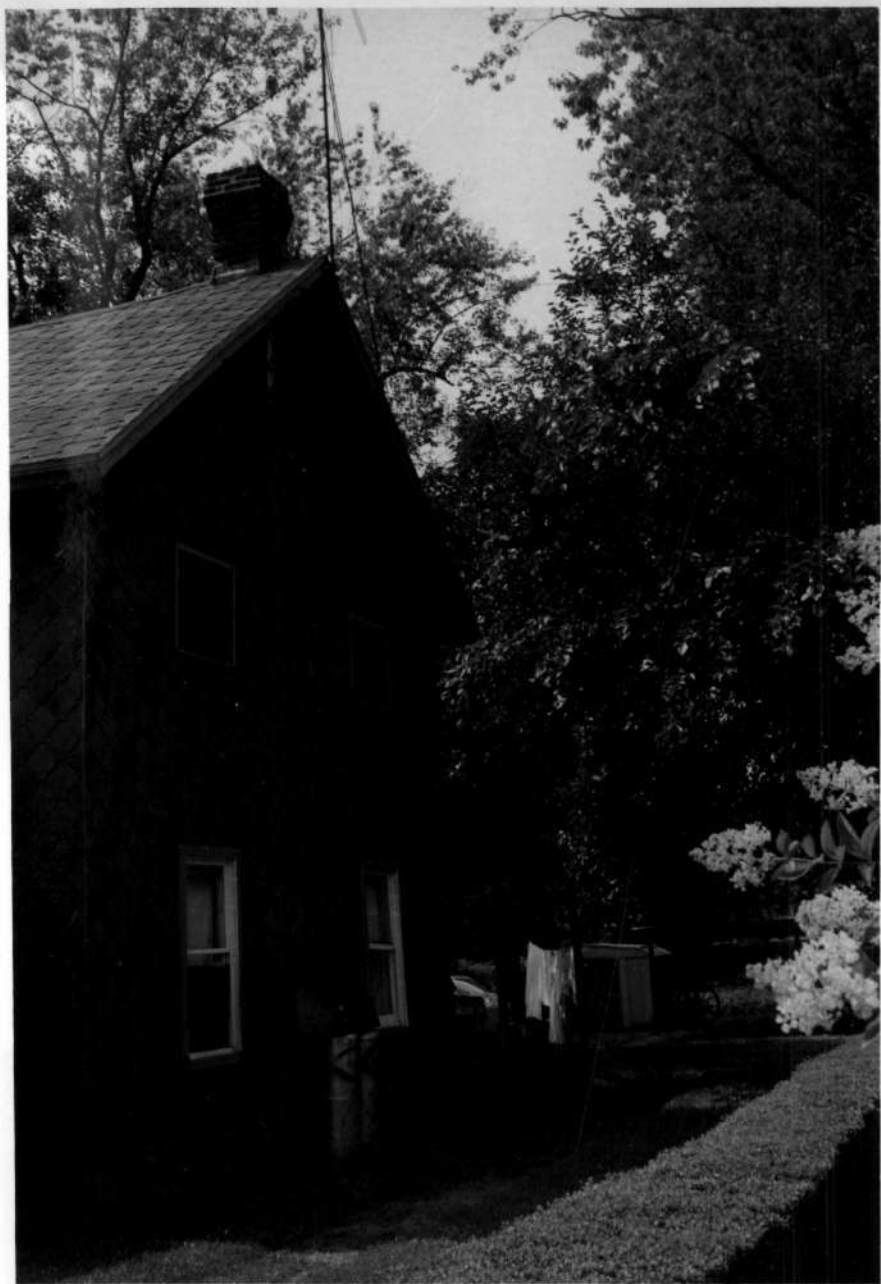
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Gibson House, site
Alice Ann Street
Bel Air
Bel Air Quad
Harford County





MRS. GIBSON'S HOUSE, 128 ALICE AVE, BEL AIR
WEST ELEVATION
M. T. ADAMS, 1978

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SPARE



MRS. GIBSON'S HOUSE, 128 ALICE ANNE, BEL AIR

REAR (NORTH) ELEVATION

M. HAREW, 1978

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